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SUBJECT:TRAVEL OF EA NARCOTICS COORDINATOR

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1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRAVEL TO SINGAPORE FOR THE REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE, EA NARCOTICS COORDINATOR DONALD L. FIELD, JR. PROPOSES TO VISIT BURMA, THAILAND AND POSSIBLY MALAYSIA FOR CONSULTATIONS. TRAVELER IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING NARCOTICS CONTROL RELATED ACTIVITIES WITH POST PERSONNEL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. IN THAILAND, HE WILL IN ADDITION WISH TO CONSULT WITH POLITICAL AND POLITICAL-MILITARY SECTIONS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND/OR EMBASSY CONTACTS (FIELD IS BACK-UP FOR THAILAND COUNTRY OFFICER HAL MEINHEIT IN HIS ABSENCE). AS COUNTRY OFFICER FOR BURMA, HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FULL RANGE OF U.S.-BURMESE RELATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

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2. WITH EXCEPTION OF SPECIFIC REQUESTS BELOW, FIELD REQUESTS POSTS SCHEDULE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS IS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. PREFER EMPHASIS ON WORKING SESSIONS AND INFORMAL MEETINGS.

3. PROPOSED ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS: ARRIVE SINGAPORE AT 0220 SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 VIA PA 5; DEPART SINGAPORE MORNING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 9 (FOR KUALA LUMPUR); DEPART KUALA LUMPUR EVENING OF SAME DAY (FOR SINGAPORE); DEPART SINGAPORE, AT 0745 SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 VIA TG 402 (ARRIVING RANGOON AT 1100 VIA UB 222 ON SAME DAY); DEPART RANGOON AT 1810 THURSDAY JANUARY 19 VIA TG 302 (ARRIVING BANGKOK AT 1945); DEPART BANGKOK AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY JANUARY 22 (FOR CHIANG MAI); DEPART CHIANG MAI EARLY MORNING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 (FOR BANGKOK); BANGKOK DEPARTURE OPEN.

4. FOR SINGAPORE: TRAVELER, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT NARCOTICS CONFERENCE, WILL BE ARRIVING AT WEE HOURS ON PAN AM FLIGHT. REQUEST EMBASSY GUARANTEE ROOMS AT MANDARIN FOR SUCH LATE ARRIVALS (SOME CONFEREES HAVE ASKED IF REDUCED RATE WOULD BE APPLIED). FIELD WOULD PREFER TO HAVE SHORT SESSION ON SUNDAY TO GO OVER DETAILS OF CONFERENCE (IN ORDER TO POSSIBLY SPEND MONDAY IN KUALA LUMPUR), BUT APPRECIATES THIS MAY BE ADDITIONAL INCONVENIENCE DURING BUSY PERIOD.

5. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: IF NO LAST-MINUTE PROBLEMS CONCERNING CONFERENCE DEVELOP, FIELD HOPES TO JOIN BOB RETKA OF S/NM IN DEMAND REDUCTION ASSISTANCE DISCUSSIONS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11.

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6. FOR RANGOON: FIELD ACCEPTS INVITATIONS TO STAY AT BULLINGTON AND BARTLEY HOMES (STRAND HOTEL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE IF CIRCUIT BECOMES OVERLOADED DURING THIS PERIOD), AND REQUESTS ASSISTANCE ON ARRIVAL. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO SPEND WEEKEND VISITING WITH FORMER LOCAL CONTACTS AND FRIENDS. AS INDICATED REFTEL (B) FIELD LOOKS FORWARD TO CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY. PLEASE ARRANGE CAR AND DRIVER AT TRAVELER'S EXPENSE FOR WEEKEND AND EVENINGS THROUGH EMBASSY WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

7. FOR BANGKOK: REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SINGLE ROOM FOR JANUARY 19-29 AT NANA HOTEL (SECOND CHOICE IS IMPERIAL). CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY ARE PROPOSED FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 AND TUESDAY-THURSDAY, JANUARY 24-26, WITH CHIANG MAI CONSULTATIONS ON MONDAY JANUARY 23. FIELD WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING AIR RESERVATIONS TO AND FROM CHIANG MAI AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT PRESIDENT HOTEL FOR SUNDAY AND MONDAY NIGHTS. PLEASE ALSO CONFIRM FLIGHTS TO AND FROM RANGOON. VANCE

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